

REMARKS

Examiner Nguyen is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Telephone Interview on September 24, 2010.

The Interview Summary has not yet been received.

Regarding the comment about the Information Disclosure Statement, an Information Disclosure Statement was submitted on April 14, 2010 with the correct number on the Form 1449. The correct document was submitted previously and again on April 14, 2010.

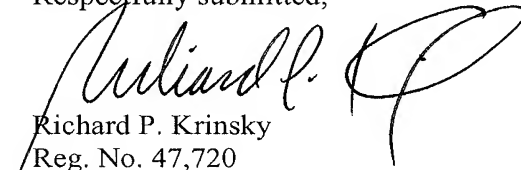
Reconsideration of the rejection of Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and the rejection of Claims 2-19 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is hereby requested. Claim 19 is amended to correct a typographical error in the omission of the word “shaped”. Claim 2 is amended to correct an error by replacing the word “toward” with the phrase “away from”. The Specification is similarly amended at paragraph [00037]. Therefore, reconsideration of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13-16, 18 and 19 under §102(b) as being anticipated by Lehamann et al. (WO Patent No. 01/96758) and the rejection of Claims 5, 7, 12 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lehmann et al. '758, is hereby requested. As discussed at the Interview, Applicants' Claim 1 includes, among other things, that “the sliding elements [8] [are] extending parallel to an axis of the clamping bolt [4]”. However, in the Lehmann et al. reference, the sleeve 20 [sliding elements identified by the Examiner] extends along and coincidental with the axis of the screw 15 [bolt]. Such extension is not parallel to the axis of the bolt but is coextensive along the identical axis of the bolt. Therefore, Applicants assert that Lehmann et al. does not anticipate Applicants' Claim 1 and reconsideration of this rejection is respectfully requested. Claim 1 is therefore considered to be in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested. Claims 2-19 depend from Claim 1 and are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as Claim 1 and for their own consideration as well, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Claims 1-19 and the Application are now in condition for allowance and such is hereby requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (566/44949).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Krinsky", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure(s): Amendments to the Specification and Amendments to and Listing of the Claims